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1. During the year 1947, the position of Leo Skrzypczynski, president of the Central Administration for Industry, has become progressively weaker, and it is believed by personal friends that he still holds his job only because of protection from high-ranking Russians at Karlshorst. The Russians apparently prefer to have the industrial administration directed by a non-party bourgeois. On the other hand, the SED has conducted a continuous behind-the-scenes campaign against Skrzypczynski because it wishes to appoint one of its own members to his important position.
2. Actually, Skrzypczynski's work is handled by his vice president, Boulanger, and he frequently does not even visit his office for several days. Boulanger, an SED member, originally began undermining Skrzypczynski's position from personal ambition, but there is no doubt that he is now acting in conjunction with SED. Skrzypczynski, in consequence, has no real inside knowledge of the Central Administration for Industry and is manifestly ignorant on concrete facts concerning it. Moreover, his former excellent personal relations with Walter Ulbricht have now noticeably deteriorated.

Skrzypczynski gives as his reason for not resigning his job under these unfavorable conditions the fact that important British and American officials asked him to remain. His friends, however, believe his real reasons are that his personal ambition stands in the way of such a move and that he feels himself so compromised by Russian cooperation that he could not hope for satisfactory recognition from any other faction if he broke with the Russians.

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Skrzypczynski's chief protector at Karlshorst is now General Leonid Gregoriev, head of the Department for Political Security. ~~Comment:~~ Gregoriev is sometimes referred to as General Georgiev. For further information on his identification, see report [REDACTED] 25X1A2g

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value as an informant on German affairs and as a channel of information to the western Allies, either voluntarily or unwillingly. His favor permitted Skrzypczynski to spend his vacation in the American Zone, after Semyonov had refused permission. Skrzypczynski's relations with both Semyonov and Koval are no longer as good as they were.

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